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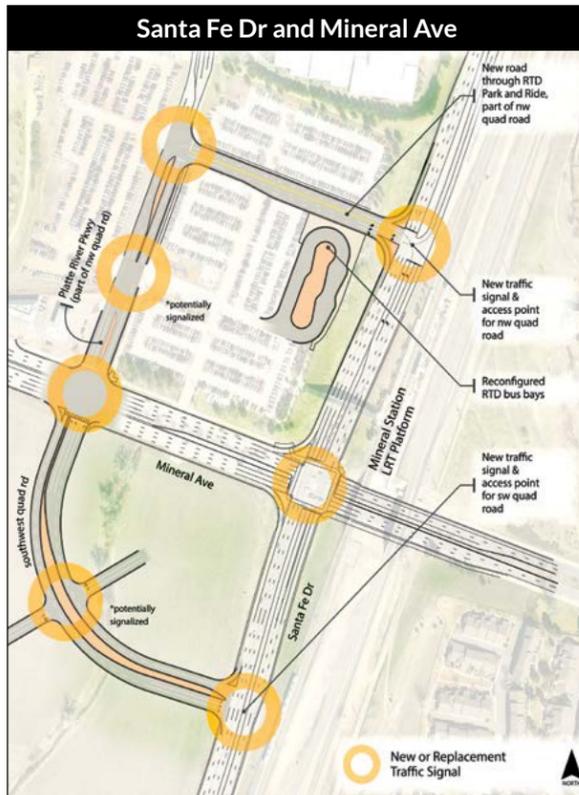
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Plan to Ease Congestion at Santa Fe and Mineral

There may be some relief on the horizon for those who commute through the Santa Fe and Mineral intersection. The City of Littleton has secured a \$9 million grant to ease traffic congestion at the intersection. Littleton staff applied for and were awarded a grant for the intersection as part of the Transportation Improvement Program from the Denver Regional Council of Governments. The grant will be distributed over the next four years. Littleton will receive \$1 million in 2020, \$500,000 in 2021, \$1.28 million in 2022, and \$6.3 million in 2023.

With this grant, the city can now begin the process of implementing a feasible solution that will ease about 60 percent of the congestion. The Public Works Department has been working on identifying the best solutions moving forward and have identified several options with two rising to the top. The first option is the continuous-flow intersection that would divert traffic turning left out of the intersection into a continuous left turn lane. The other solution creates two roads through the land that is known as the Ensor property on the southwest corner and the RTD property north of Santa Fe and Mineral. Both roads help move turning vehicles out of the main intersection to relieve pressure on the main-line roads. The city has identified an ultimate solution that will cost an estimated \$90 million.

If additional federal funding becomes available in the next four years, another \$6 million could be allocated. The project requires a 20% match of \$1.8 million dollars in local funds. This project does not include an overhaul of the RTD parking facilities but city staff is working in partnership

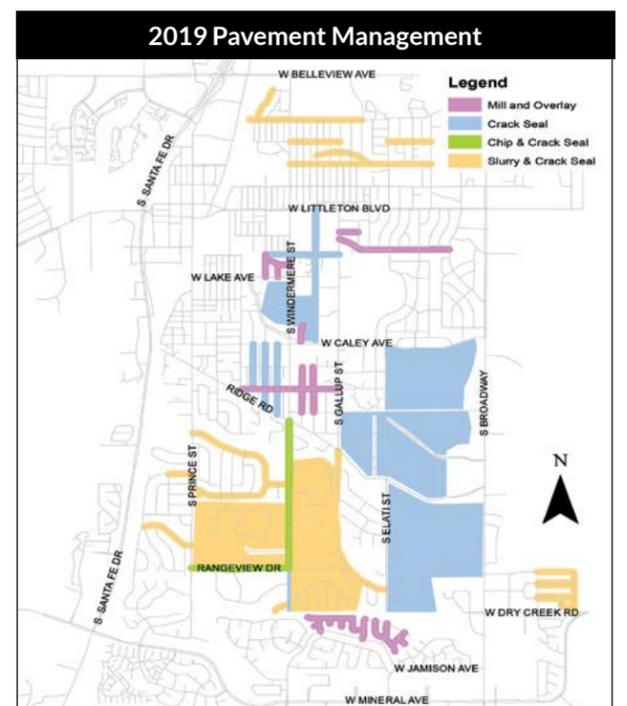


with other agencies to pursue multimodal improvements enhancing rail, pedestrian, and bicycle options. The city is continuing to study the intersection, gain feedback, and pursue grant opportunities as they become available.

2019 Pavement Management

The Public Works Department is completing its annual street maintenance projects. Street maintenance can take many forms, from something as minor as fixing a pothole to a total street reconstruction with sewer relocation, bike lanes and changes in roadway width and elevation. In the past, the city's Public Works Department operated on a budget of about \$2.1 million a year. However, after Littleton voters approved the full inclusion of Littleton Fire Rescue into South Metro Fire Rescue, this number will increase to approximately \$5 million in 2020.

The city owns approximately 123 centerlane miles of roadway and is in the final stages of creating a comprehensive five-year maintenance plan that will identify future projects, maintenance, and overall costs. This plan will help identify which streets will receive maintenance within the next five years and will allow crews to cover more ground in different areas. Additionally, the plan allows for improved communication with city planners to develop walkable and bikable corridors, create safe routes to school, as well as increase accessibility.



City Council Election

Registered voters in the City of Littleton will elect four council members in the November 5, 2019 election. The open seats are for District II, District IV, and two from the city at-large. These are four-year terms except for one of the at-large positions. According to the city charter, the at-large candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a four-year term and the at-large candidate receiving the

second highest number will serve a two-year term. Petition packets will be available Tuesday, August 6. No petition may be circulated before this date. Petitions may be circulated and turned into the city clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. August 26.

Contact City Clerk Wendy Heffner at wheffner@littletongov.org or 303-795-3753 for more information.

County Line Road Expansion

The City of Littleton is partnering with the City of Centennial, Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District, and Arapahoe and Douglas Counties in a project to expand County Line Road. Beginning at South Broadway, the project extends along County Line Road for approximately 1.5 miles east to University Boulevard. The majority of County Line Road is four lanes; however, between Broadway and University Boulevard, the roadway has two unfinished and substandard continuous travel lanes with no curb or gutter, no six foot sidewalks, limited ADA accessibility, poor drainage, poor vertical sight distance, and lack of good connections between the adjoining neighborhoods and C-470. Further complicating the corridor's reliability, there are portions of the roadway that sit below the two- to five-year storm events, causing Lee Gulch to overtop the roadway surface at times.



The expansion will be an improved four-lane, divided urban arterial with a raised center median and sidewalks, which matches the existing County Line Road both east and west of the two-lane section. The project's drainage improvements will resolve the Lee Gulch over-topping and will include a traffic signal at the Clarkson Street intersection. Additional pedestrian and bike connections will be included to improve neighborhood access to the C-470 Regional Multi-Use Trail. Finally, a sound wall will be constructed to minimize noise impacts from the roadway and preserve the livability of the adjacent neighborhoods.

The total cost of the project is \$20 million and a funding request from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Transportation Improvement Program has been awarded. The cost break out is \$10 million from DRCOG, \$4.5 million from the City of Centennial, \$4.5 million from Douglas County and \$1 million from the City of Littleton. The majority of the project design and right-of-way work will be completed before 2022, with construction in 2022 - 2023. The project also includes elements that will allow each city to showcase its entryways and share the unique elements that say, "This is our city - Welcome!"

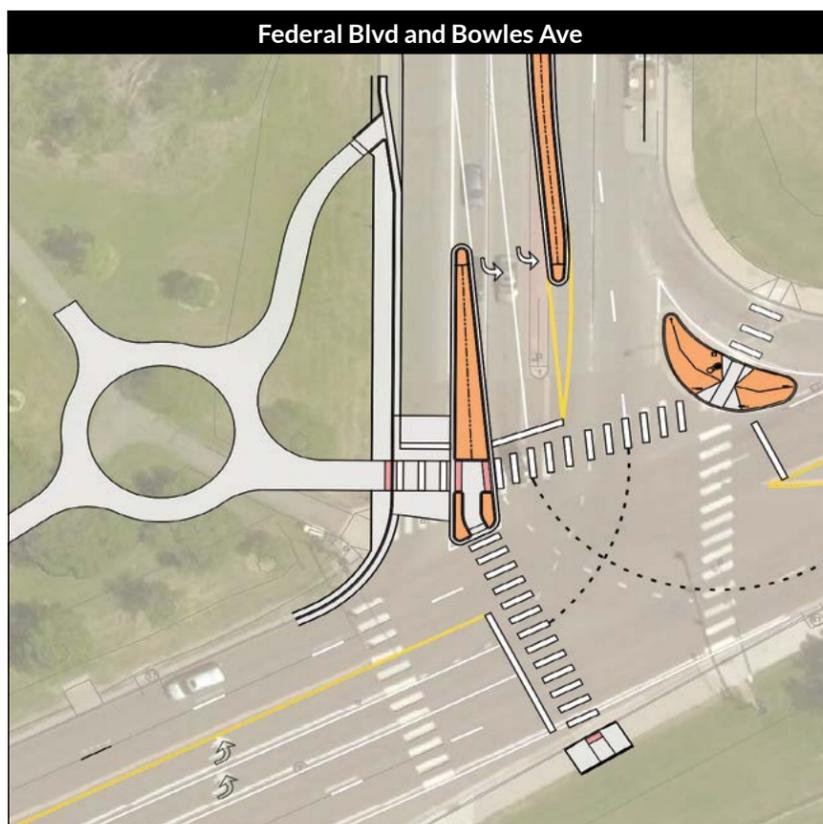
Updates for Federal and Bowles

Voters approved the TABOR override in 2017, providing \$545,000 for upgrades to the intersection of Federal and Bowles. This is enough funding to move forward with safety improvements, but not enough for the ultimate intersection changes. Federal and Bowles is the city's highest accident intersection not involving Santa Fe Drive. This location has a history of accidents related to sight lines for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists as well as a mix of arterial streets and recreational trails. The location carries 46,000 vehicles daily and in the last five years, 108 accidents occurred including three with bicycles and pedestrians.

The first stage in 2018 included designs to develop a Phase 1 project that will greatly improve safety, and included multiple public engagement opportunities. A consultant for the city is working to complete the final construction drawings for Phase 1, and then the project will be put out to bid and contracted in 2019.

A general summary of the work:

- Modifications to the north leg by removing a portion of the center median;
- Narrowing the lanes and shifting them to the east (creating safer movements while maintaining flow);
- Signal modifications;
- A new channelized island in the northwest corner for the southbound right maneuver;
- Additional work, the extent of which will be determined by bid results includes:
 - Revisions to the island in the northeast corner;
 - Raised pedestrian crossings to the two islands;
 - Removal of the crosswalk on the east side of the intersection;
 - Some bike lane and side path improvements.



The city submitted a funding request for the ultimate improvements through the Denver Regional Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program for the next four years. The project did not rank highly among regional needs so the ultimate solution is not funded at this time but the city will continue to pursue additional grant opportunities.

Planning Study for Santa Fe Coming This Fall

Many have driven South Santa Fe Drive between Denver and C-470 with the thought that so much more could be done with this road. Beginning this fall, the city is working with local partners on a regional project to develop detailed concepts for the future of South Santa Fe Drive. A partnership of eight local agencies and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will kick off a \$3 million Planning & Environmental Linkages Study (PEL).

A PEL is a process, often used to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, in a transportation corridor. Usually, a PEL is the stepping-off point to determine future options to enhance, protect, increase safety, and reduce congestion in a corridor. The goal is to develop a coalition of stakeholders, communities, and citizens to determine not only short-term improvements but a long-term vision to protect and enhance the quality of life for all those that touch the corridor - residents, businesses, commuters, and the environment.

The decisions and analyses, for example, can be used to identify and prioritize future projects, develop the purpose and need for a project, determine project size or length, and/or develop and refine a range of alternatives. The transportation and land use plan also helps set the stage for communities to create economic development strategies to support business retention and growth.

Beginning in 2020, CDOT, Littleton, and the other coalition members will begin an extensive public engagement effort to ask about challenges with Santa Fe, and gain input. The project will develop a draft for public review in 2021 and help set the plan in motion to seek federal and state funds to begin the highest priority project beginning in 2024.



Community Development Improved Processes

The City of Littleton's Community Development Department is working to implement changes that improve processes and increase efficiency for residents and businesses. The introduction of the Rapid Residential Review (RRR) Process has increased building permit efficiency, allowing citizens the opportunity to be issued same-day permits. The time for processing building permits through the RRR ranges from 20 minutes to an hour and has allowed for 38 permits to be issued between May 8 and June 16. Another improvement has been updating zoning and code requirements as well as business resources and providing easy access to those changes through the city's website.

Land use and economic development are also high priorities for the city. With the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan efforts underway, the city has been able to gain insight from stakeholders, identifying goals and priorities of residents and business owners. The city is working to capitalize on the information gained and seek more input as the plans move toward the draft stage in mid-August. Check out EnvisionLittleton.org for more information on these planning efforts.



Windermere Fire Response Recognition

On May 7, 2019, the Littleton City Council honored individuals from Arapahoe County, the Littleton Police Department, Love Inc., Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton Fire Rescue, South Metro Fire Rescue, the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley and the American Red Cross for their actions in response to the November 17, 2018 fire that swept through The Windermere senior apartment building.

Envision Littleton Works Towards Draft Plans

Envision Littleton reached a major milestone on June 25 with the release of the draft Land Use and Character Map. On that same day, the joint leadership of city council and the planning commission, explored the next 20 years for the city through four small group exercises. This map is available at EnvisionLittleton.org.

The June 25 workshop was the first opportunity for joint leadership to work interactively with the two expert consultant teams, KKC and HDR. Exercises were focused on both the Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Members had the chance to delve into the Comprehensive Plan by providing feedback on the draft Future Land Use and Character Map as well as discuss policy questions around housing and economic development. The activities for the TMP discussed objectives, potential strategies, and policies that address key values such as quality of life, community, and general mobility. "Envision is a project that requires us all to be very, very engaged and that was evident tonight," said Littleton Mayor Debbie Brinkman, adding, "you get your best work when you start with yes, and when everything is a possibility and nothing is off the table."

The draft Comprehensive Plan and TMP will be available for public review and comment starting August 14 as the city continues its community outreach throughout the summer.

Save the date for some great upcoming Envision Littleton events:

- August 3 - The Envision Littleton Street Fair at the Twilight Criterium will be a family-fun event and bring the community together to learn about the Envision Littleton project, gather meaningful input, and experience hands-on project demonstrations to imagine the next 20 years in the city.
- August 14 - Draft Comprehensive and Transportation Master Plans are released and public comment period begins.
- August 28 - Envision Littleton will host a telephone town hall dedicated to the draft Comprehensive and Transportation Master Plans. The staff looks forward to questions and an interactive dialogue with the community.
- September 12 - The fourth and final Envision Littleton speaker series will combine a showcase of the Santa Fe and River corridor along with an inspirational keynote from Peter Kageyama, author of *For the Love of Cities*. This event will be held in the Summit Room on the ACC campus from 6-8 p.m.
- September 16 - The last day to submit comments on the draft Comprehensive and Transportation Master Plans.

City of Littleton Annual Budget Process Begins

The City of Littleton staff are preparing the 2020 Proposed Annual Budget. Departmental discussions were held in mid July. The Proposed 2020 Budget will be presented by the city manager to city council and will be available to the public on September 3. A study session is scheduled with city council to discuss the 2020 proposed budget on Saturday, September 7.

The 2020 final budget is scheduled to be presented to city council for a first reading on October 1 and for a public hearing and second reading on October 15. Attend the public hearing to provide feedback to council or call 303-795-3774 for more information.

City Council Selects Reid Betzing as Littleton City Attorney

In a unanimous vote at its July 2 meeting, the Littleton City Council approved a contract naming Reid Betzing as city attorney. Betzing will start July 22.



Betzing's legal career includes 12 years of law practice with the City of Arvada, most recently as senior assistant city attorney where he practiced all aspects of municipal law including land use and property issues, litigation, representing the city at various court hearings, and preparing legal memoranda for city council, boards, commissions and departments. He also negotiated and drafted contracts ranging from public works and infrastructure agreements to leases, licenses, intergovernmental agreements and more. Previously he served as Lakewood's Deputy City Attorney where he represented the city in municipal court matters.

Betzing earned his juris doctor from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and was awarded three bachelors degrees from the University of Colorado at Boulder in political science, international affairs, and history.

Littleton Mayor Debbie Brinkman said, "The council is very pleased to welcome Reid to the city. His municipal law experience combined with his leadership skills and great personality will be an asset to our organization. We look forward to working with Reid on all of the initiatives council has on the docket. It's a busy time and we are confident we have the right team to make it happen."

"I am very excited to start this new chapter in my career," Betzing said. "I'm looking forward to utilizing my knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm to lead the legal team in helping city council accomplish its goals."

Shooting Ranges More Clearly Regulated

The city council has adopted changes to the city code regarding shooting ranges. Previously, shooting ranges were included in the category of "recreation, amusements, and entertainment" as an indoor or outdoor recreation. The newly adopted amendment now defines shooting ranges, regulates where shooting ranges are permissible as a conditional use, and provides specific performance standards. Indoor and outdoor shooting ranges will be permissible only in the B-3, I-1, and I-2 zoning districts (and planned developments adopting those district categories) as conditional uses with specific performance standards. All permitted shooting ranges existing prior to adoption of the ordinance will become legal non-conforming uses as regulated by the Littleton City Code. For more information on the code as well as the effect on existing and future ranges visit littletonplans.org.

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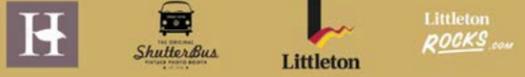
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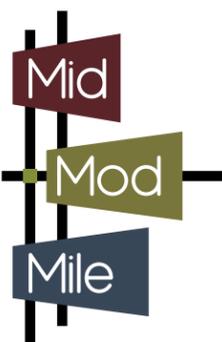


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Littleton's Mid-Century Modern Architecture



Littleton is known for its historic architecture, but the city is also gaining recognition for the Mid-Century Modern buildings that line Littleton Boulevard. With a significant amount of both residential and commercial buildings, the buildings span about a mile and are the best example of this type of architecture in Colorado.

Historic Littleton Inc. is a participant in Denver Modernism Week, August 16-25, a week devoted to highlighting the Denver area mid-century architecture. Tours of these Littleton buildings will be held on August 19 and the public is encouraged to attend. Additionally, a special tour will be held on October 12, as part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, allowing Littleton's beautiful architecture to be seen and appreciated by individuals from around the country. Check out @denvermodernismweek on Facebook or visit Historic Littleton Inc.'s website at hlinc.org for more information.

The Way We Played: Toy Exhibit at Littleton Museum



The Littleton Museum announces its upcoming exhibition, *The Way We Played*. Inspired by nostalgia, this is a toy exhibit for all ages, especially adults. Located in the museum's Changing Exhibit Hall, the exhibition will open Friday, September 13, and close January 3, 2021.

By discovering and playing as kids, we grew strong, learned important social and tactile skills, and developed powerful relationships. It is the memory of these experiences, and the connection to favorite toys, that evoke strong feelings of nostalgia. Using interactive stations, photographs of Littleton locals and their favorite toys, and artifacts from the Littleton Museum's collection, this exhibit invites visitors to experience and recall the ways we all played.

To celebrate the exhibit opening, the Littleton Museum will host an open house on Saturday, September 14 from noon to 3 p.m. A family-friendly event, visitors are encouraged to participate in a variety of games and activities, plus partake in play and food trucks. Visitors can also bring their favorite childhood toy and have their picture taken with it for a fun takeaway! For museum hours and information visit littletongov.org.

National Night Out

Bring the family out for an evening of fun with the Littleton Police Department. Mark the calendar for Tuesday, August 6, 5 to 8 p.m. at Ketring Park, outside of the Littleton Museum located at 6028 South Gallup Street. There will be officers from Patrol, K9, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Traffic, Special Enforcement Team (SET) and School Resource Officer (SRO) teams along with many different types of police vehicles. Pick up fun gear for the kids, and dine at one of several food trucks that will be on site.

Household Hazardous Material and Electronics Recycling

Littleton is partnering with the cities of Englewood, Sheridan, and Columbine Valley for the 28th annual Household Hazardous Material and Electronics Recycling drop off. The events will be Saturday, September 7 and Saturday, September 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring items to the Englewood Service Center at 2800 South Platte River Drive. For a list of items that will be accepted visit littletongov.org. Proof of residency is required. Fees: \$40 TVs, \$20 hazmat, \$10 all else.

Littleton TOWN HALL MEETING



Date: August 28
Time: 6-7:30 p.m.
Sign up at: www.littletontownhall.org

PHONE • WEB SOCIAL MEDIA

The public comment period for the Envision Littleton Draft Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan is August 14 through September 16. Participate by phone, web or social media.



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The best cycling racers are coming to Downtown Littleton on Saturday, August 3 for the Littleton Twilight Criterium. The Littleton Crit is the eighth stop on USACRITS's 10-city national series and part of the USA Cycling National Calendar. Seven races, two pro races and a cruiser ride for the whole family make this an epic event. Bring your bike and helmet for the cruiser ride or strider bikes for the kids course. A beer garden, food trucks and live music add to the festival atmosphere for a lively night of racing and fun.

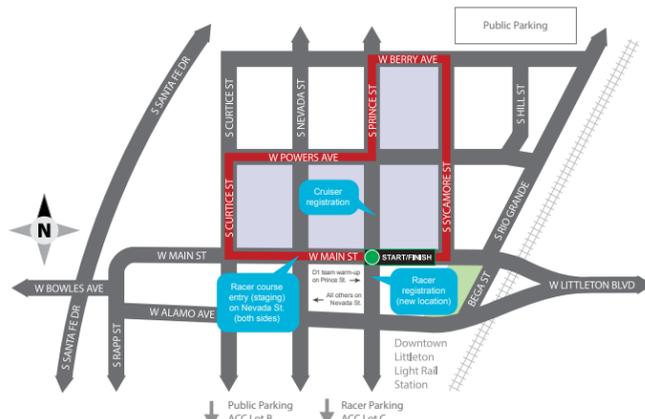


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- 5:35 p.m. – Men 3 / Men 40+ 3
- 6:30 p.m. – Cruiser Ride (Open to everyone)
- 6:55 p.m. – Men 40+ 1-2-3 / Men 50+ 1-2-3
- 7:50 p.m. – Women Pro 1-2
- 9:00 p.m. – Men Pro 1-2



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South Platte Water Renewal Partners Open House

The South Platte Water Renewal Partners (SPWRP) hosted its annual Community Open House on June 19. The water renewal experts met with more than 120 people throughout the day to show the community how they protect public health and the environment.

“Everyone seemed to enjoy learning about our organization,” SPWRP Outreach and Education Specialist Deb Parker said. “One person told me ‘Who knew you did so much with what goes down my drain?’”

SPWRP is the third largest water renewal facility in Colorado and safely cleans more than 20 million gallons of wastewater per day, returning the renewed water into the South Platte River. For more information, including facility tours, visit spwaterrenewalpartners.org.

Possible Development of the Ensor Property

Many Littleton residents are familiar with the Ensor property on the southwest corner of Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue. That land is actually two parcels. The northern parcel which borders Mineral Avenue is approximately 34 acres and is now owned by the Denver-based company Evergreen Devco. The southern parcel is approximately 77 acres and is undergoing negotiations for purchase.

Evergreen Devco has submitted an application to amend the zoning on the northern parcel. The proposal, named RiverPark by the developer, includes a mix of apartments, senior living areas, and shops. Evergreen Devco’s project will be subject to public hearings and will need to gain approval from city council before the project can move forward.

On the southern parcel, two national home builders are proposing a variety of residential housing units. The city has had initial meetings with these home builders, but no formal application has been submitted.

The city’s recently-adopted Vision and associated guiding principles will be used as lenses for evaluating these development proposals. In addition, a large part of the city’s discussions with both development groups involve accommodations for temporary and permanent solutions to ease the traffic congestion at the intersection of Sante Fe and Mineral.

Littleton Sewer Bills

All outstanding bills for sewer and storm utility are due by 5 p.m. August 15. Full payment should be received by 5 p.m. August 20 to avoid a delinquent penalty of 15%. The city will accept payments until 5 p.m. October 15. Balances remaining after October 15 will be sent to the county for collection via property taxes. The account number should be included with payment. To pay in person, visit the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue or mail to the City of Littleton, P.O. Box 1258, Englewood, CO 80150-1258. Credit card payments (VISA/MC/AMEX/Discover) and eCheck payments may be made online at: littletongov.org/utilitypayments. Call 303-795-3772 for more information.

River Integration Project

The City of Littleton partnered with Arapahoe County Open Space and The Hudson Gardens & Event Center to create the River Integration Project. The goal is to better connect Hudson Gardens and its visitors with the Mary Carter Greenway Trail along the South Platte River and to encourage increased visitation to the gardens. The first phase was recently completed adding a parking lot with 45 spaces and an ADA-accessible concrete trail along the northern property boundary for direct pedestrian and bicycle access from South Santa Fe Drive to the trail. It also improved interior trail connections that enhance access to the trail via Hudson Gardens’ main entrance. The project included a redesigned entry point to Hudson Gardens from the trail, featuring a gathering area with an oval-shaped bluegrass lawn, comfort amenities such as bench seating, shade, additional bike racks and improved picnicking facilities, public art, and planting beds. The snack shop and picnic facility will remain but will be improved with additional shaded seating areas. Continued improvements will complete the western edge of the property including landscaping and beautification, new access points to and from the trail, and the creation of new exhibits and amenities. The \$1.2 million project is funded by Arapahoe County Open Space (\$400,000), the City of Littleton (\$400,000), and The Hudson Gardens & Event Center (\$400,000). Additional support has been provided by the South Suburban Park and Recreation District. Construction began in January 2019 with a grand opening event to be held in September 2019.



National Register of Historic Places: Littleton Post Office



The Littleton Post Office has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. The official designation took place, recognizing the property’s contribution to the heritage of the State of Colorado, in April 2019. “Local Post Offices are the heart and soul of a city, and many of them have been closed, removed and forgotten,” said Rick Cronenberger, member of Historic Littleton Inc. (HLI). “It is a rare town that has one that has not been significantly altered and is still in use. What is most interesting about the Littleton Post Office is that the architectural significance spans two periods of Littleton’s history. The original building constructed in the 1940s related to the Downtown Littleton Historic District. The additions added on in the 1960s relate more to the Mid-Century Modern architecture.”

Properties listed on the register may be able to obtain federal historic preservation funding when funds are available. In addition, federal investment tax credits for rehabilitation and other provisions may apply. The Littleton Post Office joins the Carnegie Library, the Courthouse, Town Hall, the Main Street Historic District, Arapahoe Hills, Geneva Home, and the Knight-Wood House on the National Register of Historic Places. Cronenberger worked with HLI President Gale Keely to nominate the property and ultimately acquire the designation. A celebration for the post office and its employees is being planned for later this summer.

Pick Up After Your Pet



Help keep Littleton’s greenways and waterways clean by picking up after pets. Remember to not only put their waste into a bag but also put that bag into the trash. If it’s not put in the trash, the job is only half done.

Upgrades Are Coming to Buck Recreation Center

The Buck Recreation Center will be closed August 19-25 for major cleaning, facility improvements and installation of new equipment. Major renovations and enhancements to the center’s restrooms and locker rooms will continue from July. Additionally, later this fall, new spray features will be installed in the pool. More information can be found at ssprd.org.



City Receives FEMA Award for Floodplain Management Program

Littleton was recently awarded a plaque by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 8 Deputy Administrator Nancy Dragoni, in recognition of the city’s achievement of a Class 5 rating in the Community Rating System.

This class designation allows residents of Littleton who are paying flood insurance to save as much as 25% on their flood insurance premiums (depending on their flood risk zone). The Community Rating System is based on a number of factors in the city’s floodplain management program such as floodplain awareness, development standards, outreach in the community, map availability, and open space preservation within floodplains.

The plaque is displayed in the Community Room at the Littleton Center. For questions about floodplains and insurance, contact the city floodplain administrator in the Public Works Department at 303-795-3865.

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Lego City—International Space Station

August 3, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and August 4, 1–5 p.m.



Visit an interactive space-inspired Lego City exhibit in Sophie's Place at the library. The display is courtesy of the Colorado/Wyoming LEGO Users' Group and the Denver LEGO Users' Group.

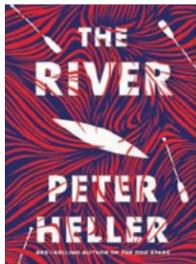
Outdoor Concert: Two Faces West

August 15, 6–7:30 p.m.

See the electric rock n' blues band, Two Faces West, perform on the front lawn of the library. The band's music is a fiery blend of rock and blues with a touch of funk. Hot dogs, brats, burgers and beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. Food tent provided by Interstate Catering.



Author Talk with Peter Heller—September 5, 7 p.m.



Colorado author Peter Heller discusses his latest novel, *The River*. Heller is a national bestselling author and winner of the Reading the West Book Award. Tattered Cover book sales and signing will follow the event.

Summer Reading Was a Universal Success!

Bemis readers went to the moon and beyond with their reading this summer. Nearly 2,000 children, more than 450 teens and over 500 adults participated in *A Universe of Stories* Summer Reading Programs! The library thanks those who so generously contributed to the success of summer reading. Their support was out of this world.

- Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Littleton
- Applebee's Grill
- Café Terracotta
- Chick-fil-A Aspen Grove
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Cold Stone Creamery Aspen Grove
- Colorado Rapids
- Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhouses
- Lakeside Amusement Park
- Romano's Italian Restaurant
- Rubio's Coastal Grill
- Skate City of Littleton
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation
- Tattered Cover Book Store

And a special thanks to South Metro Land Conservancy and the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Fun in the Sun—August 5, 11 a.m.–noon

Enjoy a quick summertime story and then head outside for a variety of "cool" activities such as water games, sidewalk chalk, hopscotch, hula hoops and more. Dress to get wet! For children of all ages.



Paws to Read—Aug. 10 and Sept. 14, 10 a.m.–noon*

Kids in grades 1–5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and the Delta Society.

Story Time with Tinkergarten—Aug. 14, 10 a.m. and Aug. 24, 3 p.m.*

Hear an end-of-summer story time lead by local Tinkergarten leaders. For ages 18 months–eight years.



Drop-In and Build—August 16, 3–4:30 p.m.

Create and construct with materials like Legos, Duplos, Lincoln Logs, Marble Run and Tinker Toys. For families with kids 5th grade and younger.

Drop-in Crafts—August 20, 10–11 a.m.

Enjoy make-and-take crafty fun. For all ages.

An Ocean of Stories—August 21, 10–10:30 a.m.

Explore what can be found at the beach during this ocean-themed story time. For ages one to three with a caregiver.

Caterpillars—Watch Us Grow!—August 28, 4 p.m.

Meet live caterpillars and learn about their life cycle. They will reside at the library so kids can return and observe them as they grow and change. A butterfly release party will be scheduled in 3–4 weeks to watch them venture out into the world. For ages three years and older.

Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club—September 7, 3 p.m.*

For kids in grades 1–5.

Give Tech a Try—September 13, 3–4:30 p.m.

Check out the new Code & Go Robot Mice and Ozobots. For kids ages four and up. Kids under age six must attend with an adult.

TEEN PROGRAMS

D & D 101—August 3, 2–5 p.m.*

Learn the basics about Dungeons & Dragons from experienced players, create a character and set off on an adventure. Each participant will be given a set of dice to keep.

Board Game Night—Aug. 9 and Sept. 13, 5–7:30 p.m.

Play board games and enjoy snacks in the library after-hours. Teens must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m.

Oregon Trail LIVE!—August 15, Multiple Times*

The retro video game comes to life as participants navigate the trail, survive the elements and make their way toward victory. Try not to die of dysentery!

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

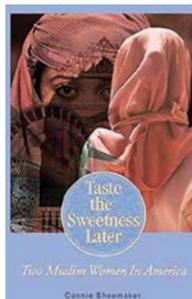
August 24 and September 28, 12–1:30 p.m. Enjoy fun and games and earn community service credit by helping make the library better.

Bob Ross Paint-Along—September 28, 2–4 p.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Two Muslim Women in America

August 13, 7 p.m. Author Connie Shoemaker's book, *Taste the Sweetness Later: Two Muslim Women in America*, tells the stories of two Muslim women who arrive in Colorado as refugees fleeing dictators in Iraq and Libya. The author and her book's subjects, Nisren and Eman, will be at this special program.



Leonardo da Vinci with Active Minds—August 19, 2 p.m.

Leonardo da Vinci—"Renaissance Man" and creative genius—hear about his life, work and lasting impact.

Movie: *Captain Marvel*

August 24, 2–4 p.m. PG-13



Creative Aging Workshops*

- **Exploring Identity and Memory through Creative Writing: Aug. 29, 2–4:30 p.m.*** In this workshop, transform a personal narrative into poetry. Participants will mine their memories and celebrate the stories that uniquely define them.
- **Creative Writing—Our Lives, Our Poems: September 5, 12 and October 31, 2 p.m.*** Teaching artist Andrea Asali will show how to weave stories and ideas into beautiful poems. Each session will focus on a different poetic form. All workshops are sponsored by Think 360 Arts for Learning.

Musical Performance: Jerry Barlow

September 7, 2 p.m. Acclaimed fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow will perform traditional British music and his own original Celtic-inspired compositions.

Beer Lover's Colorado

September 10, 7 p.m. Join author John Frank for *Beer Lover's Colorado*, the ultimate guidebook to the best beer, breweries and bars in Colorado.



London with Active Minds

September 16, 2 p.m. Active Minds will tell the story of London right up to present day. Participants will visit some of London's most colorful characters and notable places.

Beginning Genealogy: Researching Newspapers

September 17, 9:30–11:30 a.m.* Historical newspaper resources are easy to access in this digital age. Learn tips and techniques for finding records in newspapers such as birth announcements, divorces, obituaries and news reports. Registration required on or before September 10. Class fee is \$25 which includes the book *The Family Tree Historical Newspapers Guide*.

Power of Attorney and Living Will Clinic

September 23, 2 p.m. Learn about Powers of Attorney and Living Wills and the benefits of completing them from Metro Volunteer Lawyers. Hear how to choose someone to make medical and financial decisions in case you are unable to do so in the future. At this class, attendees may register for an appointment on September 30 with volunteer attorneys who will help complete powers of attorney and living wills. Participants must be financially eligible for free legal services to receive help at the clinic.

Movie: *The Public*—September 28, 2–4 p.m.

This David vs. Goliath story tackles issues like homelessness and mental illness and sets the drama inside one of the last bastions of democracy-in-action: the public library. PG-13.

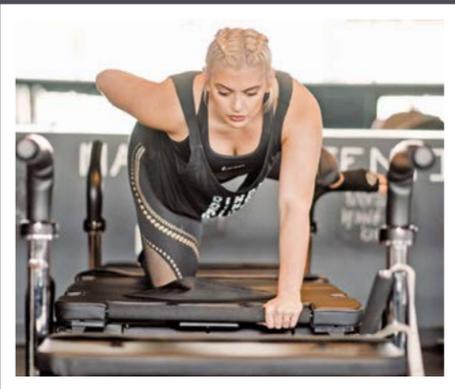


*Registration required. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961.



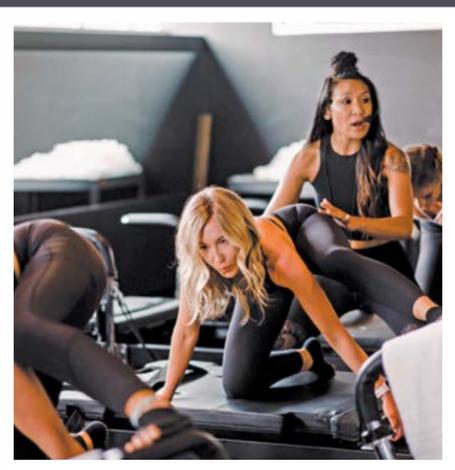
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Fierce 45

Fierce45®, located at 2100 West Littleton Boulevard, is Littleton's best high-intensity Pilates full-body work out in the least amount of time, offering small group fitness classes on a one-of-a-kind resistance machine, The FierceFormer™. The studio and classes are unique. It's a calorie blaster (500-800 per class) of exercises combined with the fundamentals of alignment, breath and mindful movement, with no stress to the joints or spine. FierceMovement® is high-intensity Pilates that incorporates slow and controlled movement with the use of resistance springs, quick transitions, and effective/mindful range of motion. In just 45 minutes it works the entire body through strength, endurance, cardio, balance, and flexibility exercises. For more information go to feirce45.com or call 720-324-8777.



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City Bark

At City Bark, their paws are in good hands. City Bark has over 11 years of experience in Littleton and takes pride in being a dog's home away from home. All types of dogs are welcome. Even if the four-legged friend is shy with other animals, one-on-one time and attention can be provided. Dogs can play indoors and outdoors and even swim in the dog pool, sporting a City Bark life jacket. Their mission is to provide the highest-quality care for dogs in their custom-designed, upscale facility. Services include overnight boarding for dogs, doggie daycare, tubs, pet supplies, a dog park, pool, and webcams. Additionally, there are grooming and training partners that offer on-site services. For more information and to see live webcams, go to citybark.com, email infotoo@citybark.com or call 303-783-9401.



Primrose School of Littleton

Under the proud ownership of the Nemat family, Primrose School of Littleton continues to offer a premier early childcare experience for infants to children age five. Through purposeful play and nurturing guidance from teachers, their time-tested Balanced Learning Approach inspires children to think in creative, compassionate and resourceful ways. With the nationally-recognized STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) curriculum and green initiatives, children learn through fun hands-on activities that teach them how to care for the environment. Their dedication to molding the next green generation of learners can be seen through the newly-incorporated green initiatives such as solar panels, artificial turf and a water-filling station. The most popular green initiative is the Garden Patch. Sitting in the heart of the two-acre campus, children learn about planting with earthworms, composting and water conservation while getting their hands dirty. Primrose School of Littleton is part of a national family of accredited early education and care schools. Families interested in the school can visit an open house August 17 from 2-4 p.m. For more information call 303-795-6555 or visit www.primrose-schools.com/schools/littleton/ or www.facebook.com/PrimroseLittleton/.



Cafe Du Coco

West Alamo Avenue is becoming more of an attraction within Historic Downtown Littleton. Cafe du Coco, located at 2676 West Alamo Avenue, opened its doors just over a year ago. Natasha du Coco, owner and artist behind the chalk paint brands Paint du Coco and "Chalk it Up," transformed this 1902 building into a European tearoom. "It was the most challenging project I've ever had but also the most rewarding and enjoyed by guests," she said. Cafe du Coco serves its own blends of hand-selected teas and encourages guests to spend quality time with friends and family while enjoying high teas. Gabby Gates, leading ballerina of the Denver Ballet Theatre, performs on a regular basis at Cafe du Coco's special events. Additionally, piano students perform on the back patio entertaining guests and Natasha teaches painting classes to aspiring artists. Cafe du Coco is the perfect place for private parties, birthdays, bridal and wedding showers, and corporate events. The cafe is open seven days a week but encourages guests to make reservations. For more information call 303-325-5380 or visit cafeducoco.com.

